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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 3279

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INR CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBILITY THAT  
CENTRAL AMERICAN SUBVERSION MAY BE CUBA OR SOVIET  
COORDINATED

REF: SAN SALVADOR 3255

1. IN PAST YEARS, THE FIVE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA  
HAVE TENDED TO BE AN AREA OF RELATIVE POLITICAL STABILITY  
AS WELL AS ONE RESPONSIVE AND HELPFUL TO US INTERESTS AND  
POLICY ON THE WORLD SCENE.

2. TODAY THE SITUATION IS SOMETHAT DIFFERENT, WITH AT  
LEASE EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA RACKED BY  
INTERNAL UNREST AND TERRORIST VIOLENCE.

3. TO SOME EXTENT, OF COURSE, THIS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED  
TO CHANGING TIMES, TO GROWING DISSATISFACTION WITH  
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REPRESSIVE REGIMES, AND TO THE LEGITIMATE DEMAND OF  
PEOPLES FOR THE ENJOYMENT AND EXERCISE OF THEIR HUMAN  
RIGHTS.

4. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE CONCURRENT TIMING  
AND THE INCREASING SOPHISTICATION OF EXTREMIST ACTION  
SEEMS TO US TO MERIT SOME ATTENTION. IN EL SALVADOR,

FOR EXAMPLE, WE NOTE THAT THE LEFTIST VIOLENCE OF THE FARN, FLP, ERP AND OTHER SUCH INDIGENOUS GROUPS HAS RECENTLY SHOWN SIGNS OF AN INPUT BY THE EGP OF GUATEMALA AND THE FSLN OF NICARAGUA.

5. IN VIEW OF THIS, WE WONDER WHETHER WE MAY BE FACING A MORE CONCERTED SUBVERSIVE EFFORT THAN WE HAVE SUSPECTED. COULD IT BE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT CUBAN OR SOVIET INSTIGATION IS INVOLVED IN AN ACTIVE AND BROAD EFFORT TO DISASSOCIATE CENTRAL AMERICA FROM ITS LONG-TIME IDENTIFICATION WITH THE UNITED STATES? IF THIS POSSIBILITY IS WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION, PERHAPS INR UNDER THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF AMBASSADOR BOWDLER, AN OLD CENTRAL AMERICAN HAND, MIGHT WISH TO GIVE US THE BENEFIT OF VIEWS BASED UPON THE BROADER PERSPECTIVE AVAILABLE TO IT.

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